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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/57/429 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 39th, 40th and 45th meetings, on 3, 4 and 28 March 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.39, 40 and 45).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on measures to encourage Member States in arrears to reduce and eventually pay their arrears (A/57/76), which had been introduced to the Committee during the main part of the fifty-seventh session (see A/C.5/57/SR.7), in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/243 A of 24 December 2001.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.59

4. At the 45th meeting, on 28 March, the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" (A/C.5/57/L.59).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.59 without a vote (see para. 7).

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6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Morocco, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling all of its relevant resolutions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to encourage Member States in arrears to reduce and eventually pay their arrears;[1]

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to make recommendations on measures with a positive impact to encourage Member States to pay their arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

[1] A/57/76.